(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 19.65 lakhs during 1997-98 to the Government of Gujarat for the development of tourist facilities at Dholavira.

Dual tariff in Hotels

2431. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a system of Dual Tariff in Hotels in India;

(b) if so, the total number of hotels which practice "Dual Tariff";

(c) whether Government propose to conduct any study or survey on the likely impact of removing "Dual Tariff" system;

(d) if so, the agency which will conduct this study; and

(e) the time frame to submit the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately 40 hotels, out of the 1160 approved hotels.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. However, the Hotel Association of India had discussions with Dr. Raja J. Chelliah, Chairman, National Institute of Public Finance Policy to undertake the above study.

M. Yunus Committee on Tourism

2432. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the report of M. Yunus Committee on Tourism;

(b) whether it is a fact that the report has not been implemented fully; and

(c) what steps are proposed to review the progress in implementing the principle recommendation of M. Yunus Committee on Tourism of 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Mohammad Yunus Committee report recommended a number of measures for ensuring accelerated growth of tourism in the country. The Government implemented the recommendations by:

- Setting up the Tourism Finance Corporation of India for financing tourism projects.
- A Package of incentives was made available to Private Sector.
- The travel circuit concept was Adopted to maximise the benefits from limited Resources.
- Tourism products were diversified.
- New offices have been opened in new tourism generating markets.
- India Convention Promotion Bureau was set up for the promotion of conferences and conventions.
- The Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management as an apex body was set up to train manpower in the tourism sector.
- The Policy to introduce air charters to the country was introduced.
- Eco-Tourism guidelines have been worked out and adventure tourism activities have been developed in the country.

Operation of Tourism Development Council

2433. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any tourism development council in operation;

(b) if so, the details of membership of such a body;

(c) the number of Government nominees on this body;

(d) the recommendations of this body with regard to Dual Princing Policy with regard to hotel accommodation for foreign tourists; and

(e) the details of Government's stand and the hotel's managements, etc?